

December 10, 2017
2nd Sunday of Advent



Make straight the paths of the Lord.
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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Dec. 11	8:30 am	Intention of Donor
Tuesday	Dec. 12	8:30 am	✠ Robert Hooker
Wednesday	Dec. 13	8:30 am	✠ Dave Daley
Thursday	Dec. 14	8:30 am	✠ Don Knorr
Friday	Dec. 15	8:30 am	Intention of Donor
Saturday	Dec. 16	5:00 pm	Int. Flo Pasutto & family
Sunday	Dec. 17	8:30 am	✠ Ron Ghini
		10:30 am	✠ Ben Brocker
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

GUIDE TO GIVING	2017 YTD	2016 YTD
Collections	\$ 461,247	\$ 438,910
Building Fund		\$ 41,949

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

This Monday, December 11th our Parish will be celebrating a communal penitential service at 6:30 pm with individual confessions to follow. Please take some time to examine your conscience using the following guide:

Pride:

- ◇ Have I set myself up as my own authority, thereby closing myself to the voice of God in Scripture, through the Church and in others?
- ◇ Am I so concerned about myself and my status that I am not open to admit that I was wrong, ask for forgiveness or be willing to give of myself in service?

Envy:

- ◇ Can I rejoice in the good fortune of others or do I secretly covet their material, social or spiritual gifts?
- ◇ Do I compensate for my own envy by trying to instill envy in others?

Greed:

- ◇ Have I set my heart on the things of the world, thereby blinding myself from the true gifts that matter?
- ◇ Does my pursuit for the things of this world prevent me from being in true communion with God, others and those in need?

Anger:

- ◇ Do I need things to go my way?
- ◇ Do I burden myself with a spirit of reluctance?
- ◇ Do I give in to self-hatred, cynicism, sarcasm or judgement?
- ◇ Have I grown hard-hearted or harboured anger towards another person?

Lust:

- ◇ Do I reduce all things to the pleasure they bring me, blinding myself to the true gift of others and robbing others of the true gift of myself?
- ◇ Do I harbour self-loathing because of an unhealthy sense of self or an unhealthy understanding of sexuality?

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MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday 8:30 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am & 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 am Mass every
First Friday of the month.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30—4:45 pm
Sunday 8:00—8:15 am & 10:00—10:15 am

ALSO BY APPOINTMENT - please call Fr. Bart 778-478-6288

BAPTISM—Baptisms take place during one of the weekend Masses. Baptism Preparation is required for the first child that is baptized in this parish. Please contact us a couple of months in advance of desired date.

MARRIAGE—Please contact our Parish Office at least 6 months in advance for potential booking—250-860-6776 or email: charlesgarnier@gmail.com

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

If you are hospitalized, please be sure to identify yourself as Catholic when being admitted. Family members are also asked to notify the parish office of shut-ins and hospitalized parishioners.

For emergencies **while you are a patient in the hospital**—call the Chaplaincy Phone 250-878-1502.

PERPETUAL ADORATION Chapel Group at ICC would like to request anyone who will be willing to spend at least one hour a week in our Adoration Chapel to please call Betty Chipeur at 250-860-6444. We need more people who are willing and generous for night time Adoration from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFASTS MONTHLY SCHEDULE—September through June

First Sunday of the Month <i>Immaculate Conception Church and Corpus Christi Parish</i>	Second Sunday of the Month <i>St. Pius X Parish</i>
Third Sunday of the Month <i>Our Lady of Lourdes Parish</i>	Last Sunday of the Month <i>St. Charles Garnier Parish</i>

REMEMBER OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!

St. Joseph Elementary and Immaculata High provide the Catholic families of our parish (and many others) a superior Catholic educational experience for all grades K-12.

If providing a Catholic education for your family matters, go to www.kelownacatholic.org for more information.

St. Charles Garnier School Board Rep. Rita Smith
Immaculata High 250-762-2730
St. Joseph Elementary 250-763-3371
Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School 250-768-9008
Kelowna Catholic Independent Schools 250-448-2725
or 250-762-2905
Fax: 1-866-964-3858 Website: www.kelownacatholic.org

ADVENT 2017 RECONCILIATION RITES

PARISH	DAY	DATE	TIME
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Monday	Dec. 11	6:30 pm
St. Joseph Elementary	Tuesday	Dec. 12	10:30 am & 12:30 pm
St. Edwards	Wednesday	Dec. 13	6:30
St. Pius X Parish	Thursday	Dec. 14	6:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Wednesday	Dec. 20	1:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Wednesday	Dec. 20	6:30 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thursday	Dec. 21	3:30 pm

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE ROHINGYA APPEAL

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is launching an emergency appeal to help the Rohingya communities who have been forced to flee Myanmar and seek refuge in Bangladesh. The sorry plight of these refugees is in the daily news. Bishop John would like the parishes to make a special appeal for the needs of the Rohingya people. You can participate in the appeal by placing an envelope marked DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE or ROHINGYA APPEAL in the collection plate.

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

Your Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal envelope should have arrived at your home by now. For those who have not received it, please pick up a blank package from the foyer or contact our parish office and we will provide a package for you.

We have raised \$ 63,374—75.2% toward our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal Goal.

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Gluttony:

- ◇ Am I prone to excess and overindulgence, or do I find joy in moderation and simplicity?
- ◇ Do I feel entitled to the "good life" or do I strive to improve the lot of others?

Sloth:

- ◇ Do I give myself fully to Christ and his call in my life or do I make all kinds of excuses and claim all kinds of exemptions?
- ◇ Do I make an effort to contribute to family, community and relationships?
- ◇ Do I put off for tomorrow what I could do today?

Fraternally in Christ,
Fr. Bart van Roijen

MOVIE NIGHT

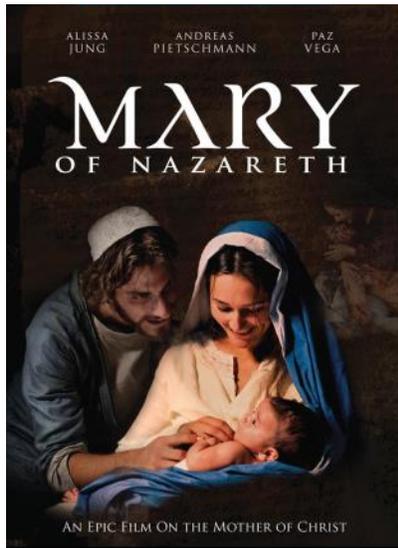
Our next movie night with Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI will be on Monday, December 18, 2017 at **6:30 pm** in the hall.

Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus.

The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his passion and death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

153 minutes

For a review check out YouTube:
Fr. Don Calloway, Mary of Nazareth
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsFw0npC0z4>



KELOWNA CATHOLIC MENS BREAKFAST & VIDEO SERIES PART 2

Part 2 of the popular **That Man is You** video series will start Wednesday, January 10th and run for 13 weeks. **That Man is You** addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those that influence their roles as husbands and fathers. Men meet Wednesday mornings 6:00 - 7:30 at St. Pius X for fellowship, a great breakfast and a life-changing experience! **New Participants Welcome!** The only cost for this program is breakfast! For more information, contact Fr. Gerald at spxpastor@shaw.ca or David Z at david@icckelowna.ca.

To reserve your spot for the next session contact St. Pius X parish office at 250-762-2587 by Tuesday, December 19.



ANNULMENT SEMINAR

Myths and Truths about the Catholic Church's teaching on Annulment.

While the Catholic Church believes that marriage is a life long commitment, it is a reality that some marriages break down. This seminar will discuss the differences between the myths and truths about Marriage, Divorce and Annulment. If you or someone you love is wondering about Pope Francis' merciful approach and the truths about the new reformed annulment process, come to this seminar.

Presentation by Adjutant Judicial Vicar, Rev. Gerald Sekanga.
Tuesday, December 12th, St. Charles Garnier Hall. 7:00 pm.
Seminar, Q & A and refreshments. For more information please contact The Marriage Tribunal Office 250-448-2725, ext 280 or email: marriage.tribunal@nelsondiocese.org.



Rachel's Corner

"However softly we speak, God is so close to us that he can hear us; nor do we need wings to go in search of him, but merely to seek solitude and contemplate him within ourselves, without being surprised to find such a good Guest there."

- St. John of the Cross-feast day, December 14

After your abortion, did you feel that you no longer had a voice to express what you were feeling? Did you wish you had a safe and confidential place, in which you could share what you were feeling and not feel judged? No matter how softly you speak now, God is there and He cares. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat, regain your voice and discover how very close He has been all along.

Healing after Abortion Ministry
250-762-2273 – info@rachelsvineyard.com
www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com
Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Catholic Independent Schools of the Nelson Diocese (CISND) invites applications at this time for the following positions:

Immaculata Regional High School, Kelowna:

School Librarian

1 Certified Education Assistant

French Teacher (teacher position for the 2018-19 school year)

St. Joseph Elementary School, Kelowna:

1 Certified Education Assistant. Note: this is a temporary position for January, February and March 2018.

View the diocesan school website www.cisnd.ca for posting details, application documents and process.

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2018 graduating students who are enrolled in Catholic secondary schools, or who are members of BC or Yukon parishes and enrolled in public secondary schools, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500-word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submissions must be received on or before March 9, 2018. For further details, please refer to the poster on display in the vestibule of the church or check the CHABC website at www.chabc.bc.ca under News and Events.

PRAYER VIGIL

Please join us for the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Vigil on Tuesday, December 12th @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, indoors at Immaculate Conception Church on Sutherland Avenue. The purpose of the vigil is to pray for the intercession of our Lady to end abortion in our community and in our nation, in much the same way her appearance in Mexico in 1531 brought an end to the practice of child sacrifice and converted millions to the faith. Contact Marlon at 250 870-4103 for more information.

ROOTED IN FAITH

We have been meeting for one year as **Rooted in Faith**, and it is our hope that this new school year you will join us when you can. There is great power and blessing in praying together as a community for a common goal. Our children, staff and families benefit so much from our intercession, but a little-known bonus is that we, as individuals, benefit from this meeting with like minded people. We are not by any means super prayer warriors; we are simple believers who do our best to keep a date with God to ask him to care for our families. We are so blessed to have a community where we can freely pray for our schools. Join us and see!

Wednesdays at 8:50am for about 30 minutes:

December 11, 2017-IRHS Chapel

RETROUVILLE

Retrouville - A lifeline for trouble marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship grown cold, distant - thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again - then Retrouville program may help you.

RETROUVILLE (Rediscovery), supported by the Life, Marriage and Family Office of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six to seven follow-up sessions on the Sundays following the weekend.

The next program is scheduled to start on the weekend of April, 20-22, 2018. To register please visit www.retrouvillevancouver.com. For more details send us an email at

vancouverbc@retrouville.org or

phone Marc and Candice

604-530-6710 and leave a message.

All inquiries are confidential.



IRHS FINE ARTS FUNDRAISING EVENING



Immaculata Christmas Fine Arts Fundraising Night

Featuring:

- ♣ Gallery walk of Art students' photographic/studio artwork
- ♣ Music by Immaculata students
- ♣ "Auggie Wren's Christmas Story" production by Drama 8 students

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 pm

Immaculata School Gym (1493 KLO Rd)

- ♣ Gingerbread Raffle and 50/50 draw
- ♣ Student art/photograph sales
 - ♣ Christmas baking
 - ♣ Wine by *Intrigue Wines*
 - ♣ Refreshments
 - ♣ French café

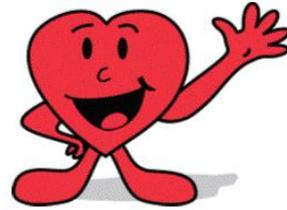
Admission by donation

FIND HELP • DISCOVER HOPE • EXPERIENCE HEALING

DIVORCE *Care*



DivorceCare for Kids



Sessions for DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids (ages 5-12) will run concurrently

January 9th through to April 3rd.

Sessions will be held on Tuesdays 6:00—8:00 pm at St. Charles Garnier Parish, 3645 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, BC

No time off for Spring break.

\$25.00/person for each program

Register at St. Charles Garnier parish office.

ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR

We are looking for someone to coordinate the training and scheduling of altar servers.

If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, or for more information please contact Fr. Bart—778-478-6288.

MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Please be advised that **Corpus Christi Church is undergoing renovations** now and masses are celebrated at the Holy Spirit Church, 1260 Neptune Road.

Mass times remain the same:

Tues – Fri at 9am (except 1st Friday – 4pm),

Sat – 5:30pm and Sun – 9am & 11am.

Please visit www.corpuschristikelowna.com for more details or call the parish office at (250)765-6869.

MASS AT BIG WHITE

Big White Mass - **every Sunday @ 3:30PM**, starting Sunday, December 17th & concluding Sunday, April 1st, 2018—Easter Sunday.

Mass will be held in the staff lunch room, upstairs in the main ski rental building (watch for signs).

****NOTE: NO Mass on Sunday, December 24th.****

There will be Mass on December 25th & January 1st at 3:30pm.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

Attention **Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, & Security Patrol**. Please take a moment to stop in the foyer and sign the **sign-up sheet** for the Christmas & New Years Masses that you will be attending and at which you would be willing to serve.

Please Volunteer! Thank You!

CARDS FOR KIDS

Pick up your Christmas order after mass this weekend December 9/10. We will be selling standard cards as well if you need some more. Please note we will not be selling the last weekend of December so now is the time to buy! Thank you for your support.

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM 2017

Christmas Hamper organizing is well under way. Just a reminder that we ask you to please return the bags with your donations no later than Sunday noon, Dec. 10. Our donation sorting will take place that afternoon. We thank you for your generous support of the Christmas hamper program to help God's poor and needy in our area.

AN UNSHOPPING LIST

Before making a purchase, ask yourself:

- Do I need it?
- Do I want it?
- Can I get away without buying it?
- How long will it last?
- Are the resources that went into it renewable or nonrenewable?
- Is it made of recyclable materials and is it recyclable?
- How will I dispose of it when I'm done using it?
- Can it be maintained and repaired?
- Can I buy it secondhand or rent it?
- Is it overpackaged?
- Is the use/pleasure I will get from it equal to the work I had to do to pay for it, the cost of my time, and the cost to the environment?

Before acquiring more stuff check these out:

- Does this item free me, help me be more self-reliant, more humane, or is it a burden?
- Could its function be foregone or performed in a simpler, more direct, or self-reliant way?
- Does owning this thing help me relate with others or does it isolate me from them?
- Does owning this reduce someone else's freedom or quality of life?
- Does making or having this harm the planet?
- Is this something which the poorest person on earth could afford to own?
- Does having this contribute to what I value in life or hold to be my spiritual or moral guiding stars?



CWL NEWS



2018 Membership

Its time to renew your 2018 CWL membership, please contact our membership convener Benita Spencer @ 250 - 868 - 8608 if you have any questions.



DECEMBER THE 12TH—Christmas Luncheon

Catered by La Cucina Ristorante.

Lunch will be served @ 11:30 am, Cost \$15.00. Tickets available at the parish Office. Short meeting @ 10:30 am

Followed by Lunch @ 11:30am

In the spirit of Christmas please bring a gift of warm winter socks for the Haven Women's Shelter.

IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING

St. Pius X Parish Administrative Assistant

Summary

Reporting to the St. Pius X Parish Pastor, the Administrative Assistant staffs the reception area in the Parish Office and carries out administrative duties.

Basic Job Description

Representing the Parish in Christian values, the Administrative Assistant carries out various functions, including working proficiently with Parish and Diocesan computer programs and technology, that enable the smooth and efficient operation of the St. Pius X Parish community. The Administrative Assistant works in extreme confidentiality demonstrating compassion in all interactions with Parish Clergy, staff and parishioners.

This is a .6FTE (22.5 hours/per week) position and is eligible for benefits and possibly pension after successfully completing the probationary period.

Deadline for applications is November 29th and can be submitted electronically to spx@shawcable.com

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

BICYCLES FOR HUMANITYKeith Germaine250-764-2942

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Meet second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am
 President:Linda Servedio. 250-764-3182
 Membership inquiries: . . . Benita Spencer 250-868-8608

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE Christina Hidalgo250-872-9776

FR. PANDOSY 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY—Knights of Columbus

Meet third Sundays of the month at 2:30 pm
 Inquiries Gino Servedio. 250-764-3182

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS www.stcharleskoc.com

Meet second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.
 Grand Knight:Davy Janko 250-980-8727
 Email: djanko@stcharleskoc.com

***Last Sunday of each month, September to June—
 Knights Breakfast after a.m. Masses***

PRAYER TO ST. PEREGRINE

The Secular Franciscans are holding prayer sessions for those afflicted with cancer and other diseases on one Monday of each month. Contact Christine for dates and times. All are welcome. If you have friends or family members with cancer, add them to our list, as we pray daily for them.
 Christine—250-768-5274—email: cbreevesac@shaw.ca

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - *“The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity”*

Meets every 2nd Sunday at 12:30 pm in St. Charles Garnier Hall.
 Maria - 778-214-2705

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 250-860-2536

Meet second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:00 am

First Sunday of each month—SSVP donations

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office **250-860-6776** or:

- Altar Servers
- Campus Ministry email: ubco.focus@gmail.com
- Children’s Liturgy children@stcharlesgarnier.ca
- Eucharistic Ministers Dave Crane 250-861-4085
- Hospital Visitation & Eucharist Ethel Robidoux 250-860-2101
- Moms & Tots Group Lindsay Rowe 778-478-1133
- Music JoAnn Young 250-764-0485
- Readers.
- Sacristans Flo Pasutto 250-764-8716
- Safe Environment Coordinator Bob Fortier 250-861-8709
 or email: frolics41@yahoo.ca
- Security Patrol.
- Ushers Gino Servedio 250-764-3182

CONTACT NUMBERS

- CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN. . . Martha Calderer . . .236-420-1970
- CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE250-860-4393
- CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE250-491-1088
- CURSILLO John Schlosser. 250-764-7007
- DIOCESE OF NELSON—Catholic Pastoral Centre250-448-2725
- ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER 250-764-4333
- FREEDOM’S DOOR freedomdoor@shaw.ca 250-717-0472
- GRIEF TO GRACE www.GriefftoGrace.org 250-878-7603
- KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE250-862-8202
- OZANAM HOUSEhope@ozanamhouse.com 250-762-4673(HOPE)
- PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE 250-763-2112
- RACHEL’S VINEYARDinfo@rachelvineyardkelowna.com250-762-2273
- REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES 250-763-7892

Please remember:
 OUR CHURCH IS A **SCENT-FREE ZONE!**
 Avoid wearing perfume, after-shave or heavily scented personal care products



DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please complete this form and leave it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Name(s): _____ New Parishioner: Information Change:
 Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

CHILDREN	
Name(s)	D.O.B.— (yyyy/mm/dd)

- Would you like to be contacted by one of our parish groups?
- CWL
 - Knights of Columbus
 - St. Vincent de Paul
 - R.C.I.A.
 - Sacristan (Set up for Mass)
 - Music
 - Reader
 - Usher
 - Altar Servers

Would you like to pick up Sunday Offertory Envelopes from the ledge in the foyer next week? Yes No

The label will have your name on it, the number identifies you and a tax receipt will be sent to you at the address that you registered with.

You may also register on-line @ www.stcharlesgarnier.ca where you can sign up for the bulletin to be **emailed to you each week.**

